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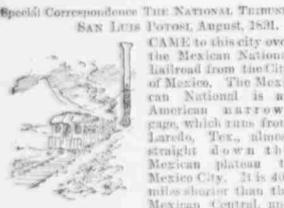
A Mexican Business Town and Its

· Curious Features.

How the Germans and the French Monopolize Mexican Trade-Mexican Business Methods-Few Failures and Big Profits. The Whittling Businesses of Mexico-Over the National Railroad from the Capital to San Luis-Toluca and Its Beautiful Valley. Mexican Children and Mexican Doll-Babies, etc.

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CAME to this city over the Mexican National Lindrond from the City of Mexico. The Mexican National is an American BETTOWgage, which runs from Laredo, Tex., almost straight down the Mexican plateau to Mexico City. It is 400 miles shorter than the Mexican Central, and

its cars will take you from Mexico City to

needory of Novada to that of Pennsylvania;

CED CATHURRAL.

and few of them have any windows. Now

and then you pass an Indian village the huts

of which are thatched, and which have little

plantations of maguey about them. The In-

diam hold the land in common. They farm it

together and divide the worlds. The cornfields

are separated from one another by rows of

moreover plants, and this method of fencing in

the fields prevails throughout these valleys. It

makes the whole hard look like a great garden,

and it is one west crazy quiit of crops sown to-

When we left Mexico City we were over 7,000

feet above the sea. At Dos Rios we were 17

miles from Mexico City and 1,300 feet higher.

A little further on we reached the great divide

mearly 19,000 feet above the sea, where two

rections, one going into the Gulf of Mexico and

the other into the Pacific Ocean. At this point

you see the great snow-white volcano, the Ne-

wada de Toluca, 15,000 feet above the sea, and

you pass on into the rich valley of Tolora,

which is higher and bigger than the City of

streams only 50 feet apart flow in opposite di-

gether with the green cartus.

oldest and most noted cities of the Republic.

We have descended 1,000 feet in about an than the City of Mexico. Toluca is 8,600 feet its inhabitants as a Summer resort if it could be moved into Europe or the United States. It clear water flow through the streets, and the houses with their dark-red roofs look as though | the town contains many wealthy men. they had just received a cont of fresh paint, The town looks newer than any city in Massachusetts. Still it was founded nearly 100 years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock,



MENICAN CHILDREN.

New York in five days. The road is well built, and has been the Capital of the State of Mexico our own way, make them to suit ourselves, and and the Pullman sleepers are as combulable | for the last 50 years. The State House on its | then pitch them into the faces of other nations se those of the broad-gage line. Leaving Plaza is built on the same site as was the build- | and say: "Blank you, those goods are for sale; Mexico City the cars take you out into the ing in which the son of Cortez lived, and near lif you want them you must pay cash for them, beautiful Volley of Mexico Von shoot past this is the long, low market-house, with its and if you don't want them we don't care a the great castle of alimentepec, stong the heavy roof uphold by many-columns. Here blank," England and Germany educate young Pasco, the fashloughle drive of Mexico, our late you may lary all the catables that Mexico pro- men for their Mexican trade. After they have one of the richest farming districts of the duces, and here you will find the many-colored | learned the Spanish language they send them globe, and as for as you can see, notif the Toluca baskets for which Mexico is noted, here to live among the pleople and study their mountains cut of your view, you look over a These backets are waven in red, blue, white | wants. These men report as to what kind of plain of black carth and green caps, sented and green strange. They are beautifully goods can be sold and how they should be packed with peons in white clathes engaged in tilling fluished, and tourists carry many of them to and labeled. They fix the prices high enough and in reaping. Here there is a herd of cattle | the United States. I may notice of the Indian | to pay the interests on the credits given, and warched by an Judian glob, who waves her Jacquer week for sale by the peddlers who the result is that the English, the French and hands at you as the cars earry you by, and squatted nuder the columns of the areades the Germans are now doing the business of there is a long train of peen porters carrying running to the market, and I found women | Mexico. all kinds of poods on their backs into Mexico and mus peddling dolls made of rags, and other for market. Now the train corn its way through Joys, which you find in profusion all over a west printation of magney, the century plant, Mexico. These Mexicons are very fond of and though we ship the most of the foreign

Mexico. In some parts of it Indiana are guther industries of the country seems to be the pro- is not as it should be. We practically own the sering the fruit from the plants and energing it | widing of playthings for them.

off in pig sicins, and there is one dark-faced heathen who staggers along half drunk with Half an bour after you leave the Capital the | sand, ranging in size from the length of your | Mexicans are too sharp for them. geometry grows reagner, the walley becomes | little finger to that of a live baby. I bought a rolling; you ascend low hills and shoot out of | fancy rap-buby here. It had a lace mantilla the green into a range of brown mountains as | on its head, and was dressed in Mexican cos- is done in small shops and by Mexicans. Every wild as the wildest part of the Rockies. Great | tume, Some of the dolls sold in Mexico City | city has hundreds of peddlers in its markets, hills rise upward over the truck, and they frown are of wax or clay on which cloth has been and you will find about the market-bouses threateningly flown upon the train as it defis pasted, and some of the figures of this kind, | booths selling fancy work, pottery, shoes, cheapantly steams its way along. The road carries | made to represent the different characters of dry goods and fancy notions. In many of the you through great gorges, along rocky defiles, Mexican life, are works of real art. Feddlers cities the buildings around the plaza have and shoots out of these into green valleys, sell them about the hotels, and they are taken | areades upheld by pillars, and forming wide taking you in a quarter of me hour from the ley thousands to the United States.

and the queer houses of the peasants and the rag impation. They are smaller than our hables, or petty merchants, and these have their whole great resescolated enthedral make you think of and they are the brightest, black-eyed speci- stock in a book-case, which is set up against the Tyrolese Alps, and you look for German | mone of humanity I have ever seen. Those of | one of the pillars or in a corner of the buildfaces to shine out from under great buts with | the poorer classes are carried around on the ling. I counted 50 of these petty establish feathers an them when you stop at the station. | backs of their mothers wropped up in a shawl. | ments on one block of the plaza at Pachla, and or they are a ung under the chin by a shawl in the areades running around the Zocalo at The train balts, and a chocolate-colored crowd | which goes around the shoulders of the mother. | Mexico City there must be more than 100 of gethers round yet. It its Egyptian rather than | I see little boys carrying habies in this way, and | them. The peddlers are both women and Savarian, and you see protty hallan girls in a bare-logged little heathen, who got a dime out | men, and they have all sorts of stocks, and | mere sprinkling that he desires, but an inat 13. They can marry by law at 14, and they sales. sometimes have children at this age. There is, however, a prest mortality among infants, Which is probably due in some degree to early marriages, and fully half the children in Mexico, in some localities, it is said, die before the ago of 10. The cradles used by the comtwen people are hammocks, which are slung from the roof, fintened to the railers by ropes, and which have beds not much larger than the sed skirts and white shirts, and little girls clad | American cradic. In these the little ones sleep, only in blankets hold out their hands for a | and as far as I can see they seem to sicen more penary. The houses here are different from and cry less than the Simon Pore Yankee action. For a number of years Col. Wood has obey orders, and if Christ, his Captain, com- ciations, which comprise 34,780 churches, with those of other parts of Mexico, Many of those Variety, belonging to the permute are not bigger than

dog-kennels, Some of them look like old- I am delighted with this City of San Luis feelinged chicken-peops more than like bouses. Poton, It promines to be the Chicago of Mexico. They have low, rigged roofs tied down by rapes. It has now more than 60,000 people, and is to low walls, and the doors are so low that the | going to be the distributive point for all of family have to crawl to get into them. They north Mexico. The Mexican National crosses are built right into the nides of the mountain, the Tampico branch of the Mexican Central



Mexico, and which has vast hackendar cov- here, and I have found many Americans who ered with the finest crops this wonderful think San Luis is the best town in the Repubclimate, soll and irrigation can supply. Here | lie. The Consultelis me that there are about The bouses of the people change. The board 360 Americans living here now, and that most more great cures of blood and skin diseases than roofs held down by stone and the thatches of them are doing well. The city lies in a all other remedies combined. eactus have disappeared, and you find all of the | basin in the mountain about 6,000 feet above houses covered with red tiles. The haclendas, the sea. It was once the center of a famous great white hulldings, have red roofs of this mining district, and the mines of San Pedro kind, and the little dog-kennel-like houses of were not far from here. Smelting mills have the poons, not more than six feet square, are been lately started here, and it may be that patches of white and red. As we descend the some of the old mines may be redeveloped. The mountain we skirt along the village of Jalupa, eity is well built, and it has, like all Mexican where a score of pretty girls bare armed and towns, its plaza and alameda, or public park.

to sell, and thence stop at Toluca, one of the churches, and its stores have more show windows than any other town which I have found in Mexico outside of the Capital. The show window is a sign of progress in a Mexican city. hour, and we are still about 1,000 feet higher | Ten years ago you could hardly find a business establishment which made any window display, above the sea, and it would make the fortune of | but the merchants are now beginning to appreciate the advantage of showing their goods, and I find windows are being put into stores all has a population of 25,900 people, and it is one | over the country, and that modern methods are of the cleanest cities in the world. Streams of | slowly but surely making their way. These business men of this city are thought to be bright, white, cream-colored, brown and drab | among the most enterprising of Mexico, and

A man in business in Mexico generally grows wealthy, and there are fewer failures in business than in any other country in the world. Mexico City has not had a big failure for years, and you can count the bankrupts of a generation in any Mexican city on your fingers. Our motto is "quick sales and small profits"; the Mexican merchant motto is "big prefits, no matter how slow the sales," and ne holds his goods until he gets his prices, He buys on long time, and one and two years credit is not uncommon. He sells largely for cash, but he is not averse to giving credit, and he will not pay cash even if he has the money lying idle at the time he makes his purchase. Mercantile credit in Mexico is fully as good as it is in the United States, if not better, and though I found many men who charged that the Mexicans were tricky in their dealings, I have found none who say that they do not pay their bills. It is said that 90 per cent, of the first; long-credit sales made in Mexico are paid in full, and if our American exporters would adapt their sales and prices to the credit basis, they might do a big business here. We are the blindest merchants on the face of the earth, and the most independent. We pack up our goods in

They do our business as well as their own, Which furnishes the pulgae or the beer of their children, and one of the most important | goods which the country uses, our shipmouts are all made through these French and German merchants, and 95 per cent, of our goods are handled by them. We might manage the whole thing ourselves if we would only look into it, but we are content to let them do it, and they get the bulk of the profit. The Germansare to-day pushing their way into every part of Mexico, and I am stopping at a hotel run by a German, and the guests are largely German tacrchants. I met a German capitalist who has a cotton factory here, and he tells me he finds a big demand for his goods. The drug business of Mexico seems to be largely managed by the Germans, and I find the hardware stores almost universally belong to them. A great many of the dry-goods stores are owned by Frenchmen, and the corner groceries and the lottery estab. | fants.-Dr. Hanna, Presbyterian. listaments are kept by Spaniards. The best | Here follow a few out of many available business houses seem to be foreign ones, and the | strong Mexicans do only the smaller kinds of business. There are only two purely American mercantile institutions in Mexico City, and though we ship of the Baptist principle and practice of rea great deal of machinery into Mexico, a great part of it is handled by a German firm, which | baptized: has made a fortune out of the business, and the original partners of which have retired. This railroads of Mexico, we are 3,000 miles nearer it than any part of Europe, and we ought to Mexico might, in fact, be called the land of have all the profits. It will not do, however, the same beer he is bearing. As you go out | the rag-baby. About the Zucalo, near the great | to suppose that we are going to get even our into the country you see the low, flat city of | Cathedral, in Mexico City, there are a hundred | share of them without working for them. The Mexico recoding from you. A laundred great | mon who sell little else than rag-dolis, and these | Germans and the French are very jealous of us, domes tower above a plain of flat-roofed houses, | dolls are of all colors and are dressed to repre- | they will never sell American goods where they and off in the distance are the snow-covered | sent all sorts of characters. You find negro | can put in European goods, and they run down mountains and the great sister volcanoes of | dells and white dails, Turkish dolls and dolls | America, both as to its goods and its men, at Mexico looking down at you. It is noon, and representing Indian maidens. At Toluculare every opportunity. I have met many Ameri-Popocataped slines like a great white dis- I found a doll made of rags, whose cheeks were | can drummers in Mexico, and they tell me mond under the sun. The White Woman | painted a bright red and who was as big as | that they find this to be universally the case. seems to have put on a new shroud as she lies a two-year-old child. At Paebla they make The Mexican merchant himself is also a comthere on her line under the blue sky, and the pupier-mache dolls whose heads are of this petitor not to be despised. Along his own other mountains look in the glare of the sun- | material and whose bodies are of rags, and you | lines there is no closer dealer in the world, and light as though they were dusted with allver. find burnt clay and pottery dolls by the thou- you will find no Jews in business here. The

Nine-tenths of the business of the country. cloisters, as it were, about the acre or so of space which makes up the public square. and the Alieghanies. The hills are now green, The live babies are more interesting than the These areades are always filled with peddjers, of me at the station today, had a buby on his some of them have no other counters than the undation of the blessed Divine influence, two years later, in 1812, are reported 2,633 back nearly as hig as himself. He looked more street. Here the wife of a shoemaker squats like a Japanese wrehin than a Mexican Indian, in the arcade with her back against the wall, and it was worth 10 cents to get a laugh out and a dozen pairs of sharp-pointed childrens' of him and his baby sister. Mexican babies shows on the flags in front of her. Next her is are kept in swaddling clothes for a month after | a black-bearded man, who has a store of beauti they are been, and as soon as they are taken | ful bridle-bits and a half dozen great Mexican out of this they are just in pentalets, and this | spurs for sale, and next to him is an Indian is the case whether the lables are boys or girls. | cane peddler, who has carved sticks curiously As they get older their clothes become more | made to catch the eye of the tourist. I do not | still involved, as when one is buried by the like those of their mothers and fathers, and a know that these people pay any rent for their caving in of a bank upon him or buried beboy of four wears a hat decorated with gold or stands, but they certainly are taxed according neath the falling snow. silver heald, and he is dressed very much like to the amount of business they do, for everythe head of the family. I remember two little | thing in Mexico pays its quota to the Governurchina that I photographed vesterday. Each | ment. Outside the market here at San Luis of them were hats higher than mine, and they | Petosi I found the walls lined with booths, and manifested more dignity than American boys men were selling calicocs with nothing but a several years alder, had the long, black showl | sold under canvas roofs, and next them were dress reached almost to her feet. She could find little stores run by Indians in the smaller not have been more than 10, but when I looked | villages, and there are a vast number of busi-

Col. G. A. Wood Dead.

Col. Gustavus A. Wood, 15th Ind., died at Chattanooga, Tenn., on Wednesday, Aug. 12, of a complication of diseases. At the battle of Missionary Ridge Col. Wood commanded a been practicing law in Nashville, Tenn.

Hang It.

[Chicago Scatinel.] Messrs. Lord & Thomas, 45 Randolph street, Chicago, who are not only the leading newspaper advertisers of the United States, but who have made their motto, "Advertise Judiclously," the watchword of all the great advertisers of the country, are sending out some Messrs. L. & T. begin theirs with July-because, as they say, they "haven't any old-fashioned



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THE BAPTIST FAITH

(Continued from First page.) they recognize no other meaning. He who would go back of the lexicons and judge for himself, will find in Conant's "Meaning and Use of Baptism" a citation of every case in which the word is used by ancient writers, and he will see that in each case the idea of submersion is involved.

THE SEPTUAGINT, the Greek version of the Old Testament current in Jesus's day, says that Naaman, the Syrian, went down into the Jordan and baptized (Gr. chaptisaio) himself seven times. This means that he dipped or immersed bimself; and when the New Testament says that John was baptizing it means that he was immersing.

The doctrine and practice of the Baptists with reference to the two Christian ordinances have been abundantly justified and upheld by the candid testimony of scholarly theologians of other denominations. From the great mass of these weighty admissions and indorsements the following are a few specimens, those relating to baptism coming

To haptize signifies to plunge, as is granted by all the world,-Bossnet, Roman Catholic, It does not appear from Scripture that even one nfant was ever baptized .- Keenan, Doctrinal Catechism, Roman Catholic,

In the primitive Church, baptism was a total imnersion or burial, as it were. -- Rechman, Lutheran. The Baptist position is incontrovertible from the rotestant standpoint, since they have the clear lible text for baptism, and Church tradition deeides neither for nor against,-Dr. Dollinger, Old

Baptize undoubtedly signifies immersion. No roof can be found that it signifies anything else in be New Testament, and in the most ancient Christan literature.-Prof. Harnack, Lutheran. All attempts to make out infant baptism from the New Testament fail. It is totally opposed to the spirit of the Apostolic age, and to the fundamental

principles of the New Testament.-Prof. Lange,

The change from immersion to sprinkling has set aside the larger part of the Apostolic language regarding haptism, and has aftered the very meanng of the word.-Dean Stanley, Episcopalian. This passage [Rom., 6: 5, 4] cannot be understood nless it is borne in mind that the primitive bapsm was by immersion.-Coreybeare and Howson,

Among all the persons that are recorded as baptized by the Apostles, there is no express mention of any infants. - Dr. Wall, Episcopalian. Baried with him," alluding to the ancient manner of haptizing by immersion,-John Wesley,

To be baptized into Christ is to receive the doctrine of Christ crucified, and to receive baptism as proof of the genuineness of that faith.-Adam The very word baptize, however, signifies to im-

merse, and it is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient Church.—Calvin, Presbyte-Respecting the form of baptism, therefore, * * * the impartial historian is compelled by exegesis and history substantially to yield the point to the Baptists, as is done, in fact, * * * by most German scholars.-Philip Schaff, Presbyterian. Scripture knows nothing of the baptism of in-

PADOBAPTIST INDORSEMENTS

Among all the absurdities that ever were held, none ever maintained that any person should parake of the Communion before he was baptized .-

If I believed with the Baptists that none are haptized but those who are immersed on profession of faith, then I should with them refuse to commune with any others,-Dr. John Hall, Presbyterian. It is evident that, according to our views of baptism, we can admit them to our Communion: but with their views of baptism, it is equally evident they can never reciprocate the courtesy. And the charge of close Communion is no more applicable to the Baptists than to us,-Dr. Hibbard, Methodist. Open Communion is an absordity when it means Communion with the unbaptized. I would not for a moment consider a proposition to admit an unbaptized person to the Communion, and can I ask a Baptist so to stultify himself and ignore his own loctrine as to ask me to Commune with him while he believes I am unbaptized? Let us have unity. indeed, but not at the expense of principle, and let us not ask the Baptist to ignore or be inconsistent with his own doctrine. Neither let us make an outery at his Close Communion, which is but faith fulness to principle, until we are prepared to be Open Communists ourselves, from which stupidity may we be forever preserved .- American Presbyte-

Did we believe that only believers who have been immersed are baptized, and that only haptized persons have a right to the Lord's table, we should believe and practice strict Communion, and we to give it up without a change of views on the sub-ject of haptism. * * * We, as Predobaptists, are Close Communists, and we hope we shall never cease to be such. * * * The only legitimate subjects of controversy between us and the Baptists are the subjects and mode of baptism .- Con-

JESUS'S BAPTISM of sorrow was not a mere sprinkling; it was a submersion in the tide of suffering. When some good man prays that all may be "baptized" with the Holy Ghost, it is not a after that, in 1790, there were reported 872 When someone writing of the great war says that the land was "baptized in blood," he means not that it was merely sprinkled, but that it was submerged, as it were, beneath the tide of carnage. Though baptism is sometimes spoken of as coming through an outpouring, the idea of submersion is

Baptism, then, always means immersion. Immersion is not merely a "mode" of baptismit is baptism itself. To speak of baptism by sprinkling is like talking of dipping by sprinkling. Pouring or sprinkling is not baptism at of 16, though they could not have been more shed over them. There were saddler stores in all; it is merely something which has been than four years of age. Their sister, who was feuts, and the most georgeous of hats were substituted for haptism. Pouring or sprinkling cannot properly be called baptism, except on of Mexican womanhood about her, and her | booths for the sale of pottery and bagging. I | the principle by which the name of an object is sometimes given to that which is put in its place, the principle on which the Irishman said at her I could see that she was already ap- ness men in Mexico who do not average more that the man of the house was a woman! Pourpreaching womenhood, and girls mature here than \$5 or \$10 a day in the amount of their ing or sprinkling is not baptism, and so is not a fulfillment of Christ's command. The command to be baptized is a command to be immersed, and this is another reason why Baptists do not practice pouring or sprinkling, but ONLY IMMERSION.

In a revival in Winter of 1863, '4, in one of the in 1880, 2,296,327; in 1891, 3,161,227. demi-brigade of Wagner's Brigade, Sheridan's | regiments of the Sixth Corps, a young Sergeant | Division, Fourth Corps, composed of the 100th | who had been converted was told by the Chap-III., 49th and 58th Ind., and 26th Ohio, and did lain that he ought to be haptized. "Very | concerning the progress of the denomination gallant service, being recommended for promo- | well," said he, "if that is 'reg'lations." It | during the past year have been compiled: tion by Gen, Sheridan in his report of that | was a soldier's answer. A soldier is trained to | "There are in the United States 1.382 assomanded him to be immersed, the boy was ready an aggregate membership of 3,161,227, an in-

Scripture " reg'iations." eralism; that, granting that baptism is strictly immersion, and that immersion alone was practiced in the earliest times, yet the idea of baptism is that of washing or purification, and as washing is attained by pouring or sprink-line and before the enterior of the enterior of the earliest times, and the earliest times are earlied to earlied and the earliest times, and the earliest times are earlied to earlied to earlied the earliest times, and the earliest times are earlied to earlied the earliest times, and the earliest times are earlied to earlied the earliest times, and the earliest times are earlied to earlied the earliest times, and the earlied times are earlied to earlied the earliest times, and the earlied times are earlied to earlied the earlied to earlied the earlied to earlied the earlied to earlied to earlied the earlied to earlied to earlied the earlied to earlied the earlied to earlied the earli elegant new calendars. The old-fashioned way is ling as well as by immersion, these are in subto begin the calendars with the New Year, but | stance a compliance with the command, and in spirit are a fulfillment of the ordinance.

purification? Jesus's baptism of sorrow was increase of 859 schools and 78,967 scholars. not a purification, for the Holy One needed no such. Many of the Fathers referred the baptism of fire to the destruction of the wicked, which they viewed not as a purification, but a submersion in waves of burning. Should we grant that the original idea in

baptism was a purification, it still remains that the Apostles in their mention of baptism into the death of Christ attribute to baptism the symbolism of death to sin and a rising again to a new life through faith in Jesus, who

WAS BUELED AND ROSE AGAIN. The Apostolic immersion, then, was a symbol of burial and resurrection. Referring to this for the ministry. The total value of the fact, Luther says:

"On this account I could wish that such as are baptized should be immersed in the water. It would be beautiful to have so full and perthood and Skin Parifler and greatest of Humor | feet a sign of so perfect and full a thing; as also without doubt it was instituted by Christ." Pouring and sprinkling cannot be regarded as meeting even the spirit and idea of the baptismal command, for they contain no symbol of the death and resurrection of our Lord, which idea is paramount in Apostolic baptism. The heathen ceremonies.

mountain we skirt along the willage of Jalapa, which a score of pretty girls bare named and bare footed bring pulgue to the car windows. It has a fine cathedral, a baker's dozen of gray

Backache, kidney pains, weakness, and rheubling named in a cup of true Christian baptism, for it alone sets forth without his knowledge. Address the death and resurrection of our Lord, which

is the central fact of the Christian system. Not UNION VETERANS' UNION. only the letter, then, but also the spirit of the baptismal command requires that there should | Preparations for the National Encampment at

be an immersion. It is urged that baptism is only a form. Yes, and so a flag is only a form, merely a piece of bunting, and yet men will die for it. The Aug. 25-29, and great preparations are being United States flag is a symbol of the Union, made in that city for the entertainment of the since it has a star for every State. When the veterans, and members of the Union are lookgreat conflict arose in 1861, it was seen in a moment that if disunion came the flag would | ment, which is expected to be the largest in its have to be changed. The contest therefore took retained. And when the "Star Spangled Ban- ance from those States will be very large. ner" was sung, when the Stars and Stripes were unfurled to the breeze, it meant that | fire will be held in Music Hall, where 6,000 there was to be

NO CHANGE IN THAT FLAG. That great four years' war was a war over a

flag, for to save the flag meant to save the Union. If the flag had been like the French Tri-color, or the Swiss Cross, which could have been retained after the Nation was divided, it would have been different. But the fact that if disunion came the flag would have to be changed, made the soldier "fight for the flag" and "stand by the flag" with tenfold earnestness. Perhaps it would not be too much to say that the flag saved the Nation. Perhaps it would not have been possible to save the Union had it not been for the flag, which put the whole question before the minds of the people in so vivid and striking a way that they could not help seeing the meaning of the great struggle. The flag, though a "mere form", had a marvelous power, for it told the whole story.

And so the baptismal burial in water, though a mere ceremony, sets forth so strikingly the great central truth of Christianity that eternal life comes through the death and resurrection of Christ, that Baptists in preserving that symbol are doing a rich service to the Church and the world.

There is another small point to which per-

haps a word should be given, a matter on which

the Bantists have been subjected to much ignorant and most unjust criticism, namely, what is known as Close Communion. On this subject, let it first be noticed, as already taught by liberal quotations, that all Christians, Presbyterians and Methodists as well as Haptists, agree that baptism is a prerequisite to the Communion; that

NO PEESON SHOULD BE INVITED to the Communion table until he has been baptized. When therefore the question arises, the National Encampment of the Grand Army Who shall be invited to the Communion table? it must first be determined. Who has been bap-

If a man has been baptized who has merely been sprinkled in unconscious infancy, then he may be invited to the Communion. But Bap-James Russell Lowell: tists find in Scripture no boptism except a From purest wells of English undefiled burial in water on profession of faith. And so they can invite only immersed believers. Unable to see that infant sprinkling is baptism, they cannot invite to the Communion those who have been baptized in infancy, or have received Provoked thereby might well have shaken half merely pouring or sprinkling for baptism.

Baptists differ from Presbyterians and Methdists not on the question who shall be invited to the Communion, but simply as to who have been baptized. If Baptists are wrong in saying that infaut sprinkling is not haptism, then they are wrong in not inviting Presbyterians and Methodists to the Communion. But if | der? they have a right to their opinion that Presbyterians and Methodists have not been baptized, they are right in not inviting them to the

Lord's Supper. It is true that Spurgeon, under certain restrictions, and English Baptists generally, so invite Presbyterians and others to the Comstricting the Lord's Supper to the actually | musion. But on what ground? On a ground which Presbyterians and all others condemn, the ground that water baptism is not in any way a prerequisite to the Communion, on the ground that it is proper to invite a man who has never received any water baptism whatever, neither immersion nor pouring nor sprinkling. Now, when Presbyterians themselves condemn this principle of the English Baptists, how absurd in them to

CENSURE THE AMERICAN DAPTISTS.

for not adopting it. For Presbyterians to say that none but baptized persons should be invited to the Communion and then to blame the Baptists for not inviting them is to say that Baptists have no right to consider them unbaptized; that Eaptists have no right to the opinion that there is no baptism but immersion on profession of faith-in other words, that Baptists have no right to be Baptists. But the Baptists answer, "When you show us that baptism in infancy, or a mere sprinkling, is true baptism then we will regard you as baptized, and will myite you to the Communiou, but so long as we find in Scripture no baptism but the immersion on profession of faith, which you have not received, we must regard you as unbaptized, and, on your own doctrine that baptism must preshould almost consider it an insult to be required | cede the Lord's Supper, we are unable to invite

As to the growth of the Baptist denomination, it may be remarked that in 1750, a century after its rise in this country, there were only some 60 churches, with not many more than 5,000 members. Then came the great revival under Edwards and Whitefield, which, as has been remarked, was preached strictly on Baptist lines, and in 1768, nearly 18 years later. there were reported 137 churches, an increase of more than 125 per cent. Twenty-two years churches, with about 65,000 members. Twentychurches, with 204,185 members. In 1848 the Baptists of the United States numbered about 750,000. They now number over 3,000,000, while in Great Britain, and on the Continent of Europe and in mission fields are about threequarters of a million more.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO the ratio of members of Baptist churches to 1 to 63; now the ratio is 1 to 21-that is to say, the Baptists have increased as fast as the population, and this, too, without the help of

immigration. Nearly all immigrants from Europe have been Roman Catholics or Lutherans, The Episcopalians and Presbyterians in this country and free symples to start you in an honorable have been strengthened by immigration from Great Britain, but not the Eaptists.

The following important facts have been thus tersely stated by a writer already quoted: 'From 1860 to 1880 the increase in membership of four of our leading denominations was this: Congregationalists, 42 per cent.; Presbyterians, 55 per cent.; Methodist Episcopal, 82 per cent., while the Eaptist denomination increased 99 per cent."

in the United States Baptists numbered in 1800. 100,900; in 1850, 686,807; in 1870, 1,410,493; From the Raptist Year Book for 1891, the subjoined valuable and interesting statistics

On this subject it may be further stated that

to obey. And so Baptists adhere to the practice over last year of 29 associations, 1,192 tice of immersion, for they believe that that is | churches and 94.180 members. The total number of baptisms reported for the year was 140,-It is objected by some that this is mere lit- 058, and the deaths 27,277. The total amount property reported is \$61,646,377. There are 22,703 ordained ministers, an increase of 1,528. There are 18,555 Sunday-schools, with 131,869 But can baptism be regarded as merely a officers and teachers, and 1,280,663 scholars, an THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

under Baptist control are as follows: Sevan Baptist theological institutions, with 57 instructors and 657 pupils; 34 universities and colleges, with 422 instructors and 6,537 pupils; 28 seminaries for female education exclusively, with 405 instructors and 4,386 pupils; 45 seminaries and academies for co-education, with 281 instructors and 5,578 pupils; and 23 institutions for the colored race and Indians, with 198 instructors and 4,780 pupils; making an aggregate of 147 institutions, with 1,363 instructors and 22,438 pupils, of whom 2,232 are preparing grounds and buildings belonging to these institutions is reported to be \$9,763,847, and the libraries confain 484,347 volumes, which with apparatus are valued at \$1,177,101."

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Gen. Green Clay Smith, Department Com-

mander of the Potomac; Gen. John H. Roberts,

Department Commander of Massachusetts, and

Gen. O. A. Jones. Department Commander of

Michigan, On Thursday, Aug. 27, after the

in Forest City Park, at which Gov. James E.

Campbell will make the address of welcome,

and Gen, Benjamin F. Butler, of Massachusetts,

will be the orator of the day. Gen. Henry W.

Slocum, of New York; Maj. William McKin-

ley, and ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes are

Delegates from the six commands in Wash-

ington, and Department Commander Gen.

Green Clay Smith and staff will leave next

not delegates will accompany them. The dele-

sachusetts have decided to make a flying visit

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Aug. 23, at 11:30, and leave for Cleveland at

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